

The Environmental Protection Agency has secured money to fund the disassembly and removal of the buildings at the Starmet Superfund Site in Concord. Starmet has vacated the site as of November 1, 2011 and the process of removing the buildings has begun. The funding for this project comes from a Department of Defense judgment fund and is not affected by Congressional budgets or the budget sequester.

During the last year and a half, the cleanup contractor ***demaximus inc.*** has:

- Installed fence and security gates, and cleared brush so that security personnel can see all areas outside the buildings and emergency vehicles can enter and drive completely around the site.
- Removed old electrical lines and updated and tested the fire suppression system.
- Reinforced the roof and setting up exterior gas supplies and blowers to heat the buildings.
- Surveyed the interior of the building and applied an epoxy sealant coating to beryllium work areas that could pose a hazard to workers in the buildings.
- Sorted, packaged, and prepared materials in the buildings to be shipped.
- Created an indoor loading area so that trucks can be loaded indoors and installed a truck scale so that they can be weighed, surveyed for radiation, and inspected for road safety before they leave the site by the disposal site contractor, US Ecology.
- Shipped over 900 tons of packaged waste materials to a US Ecology disposal site in Boise, Idaho. Containers are loaded in Concord and driven by truck to New Jersey, where they are loaded on a train to Boise.

Outdoor activities will continue during regular working hours on weekdays. The Concord Fire Department is working closely with the contractor to ensure that all work is done safely. There is 24 hour security at the site and all hazardous areas are surrounded by fences and marked.

If the schedule continues according to plan:

- Materials from within the buildings will continue to be packaged and shipped off the site at the rate of about 3-6 trucks a day through the end of the year.
- Tanks containing hazardous acid and oxides inside the buildings will be stabilized or drained and disposed of before the Fall heating season.
- Large machines inside the buildings will be disassembled and disposed of.
- Actual disassembly of the buildings will probably start in 2014.

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More details about the building removal project can be found at the EPA website: <http://www.epa.gov/region1/superfund/sites/nmi/287738.pdf>

Information about the contractors work at the site can be found the demaximis website: <http://www.nmisite.org/>

Historical information about activities at the site can be found in the annual reports of the 2229 Main Street Oversight Committee:

http://www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_BComm/2229Committee